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Saint Joseph's College Inaugurates 18th President, Dr. Robert A. Pastoor

By Natalie Dziadosz
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This past week welcomed another Puma into our ever-growing family: Dr. Robert Pastoor. We had a busy week filled with activities. It started out with the inauguration concert. The Saint Joseph's College choir, jazz band and orchestra had a lovely performance for the president.

The actual ceremony was a more engaging community experience. Campus Minister, Anthony Butler had this to say: "The ceremony was truly a celebration. There seemed to be a genuine sense of togetherness, a united spirit among those in attendance at the inauguration ceremony. Dr. Pastoor's speech

was energizing, passionate, and to the point. He invited us to go on a journey with him, but not just any ordinary journey. He invited us on pilgrimage. A pilgrimage is a deeply spiritual experience in which we are confronted with the core of our being."

SJC will face many challenges as Dr. Pastoor begins his term. Dr. Pastoor did not look at any of the challenges as debilitating, but instead more like opportunities. Butler summed it up with, "We can get the heart of the mission, but it will take time, and there will be some suffering along the way, but no person will shoulder the burden alone." Dr. Pastoor definitely exemplifies what Saint Joe believes as a college. The events were fairly-well attended,



Above: Adri Lugosan '16 talks to one of the SJC Alumni participants at the Puma to Pro Event which was held as part of Inauguration week. Photo courtesy of Fr. Tim McFarland. Photo Courtesy of Fr. Tim McFarland

depending on the event. I believe that this past inauguration week signals a very prosperous and happy presidency of Dr. Pastoor.

There were also several events going on throughout the week leading up to the actual inauguration ceremony. These events included Puma Women's "Take Back the Night" bonfire, an Art Exhibition which featured the work of students and staff members, a concert performed by the SJC Orchestra, Jazz Band,

and Choir, the President's Talent Show sponsored by PAC, the Columbian Players' fall performance of "The Liar," and many more.

To sum up the week Anthony Butler had this to say, "Inauguration week really signaled for me that not only are all welcome, but all are appreciated, valued, and mostly importantly, necessary." I'm sure all of us here at Saint Joe will welcome Dr. Pastoor to the Puma family!



Above: Dr. Pastoor poses for a photo before the inauguration ceremony on October 16. Photo Courtesy of Fr. Tim McFarland

Right: SJC students and faculty enjoy watching the President's Talent Show. Photo Courtesy of Fr. Tim McFarland



Above: Lindsey Werking '17 performs at the Presidential Talent Show. Photo Courtesy of Fr. Tim McFarland



Below: Faculty extend their hands for a blessing of Dr. Robert Pastoor at the Inauguration on October 16th in the chapel. Photo courtesy of Fr. Tim McFarland.



SJC Students to Trick or Treat for the Hungry

By Ana Lara
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On Saturday, October 31 is an opportunity for students to give back, as well as indulge in the nostalgia of trick or treating. Saint Joseph's College will Trick-or-Treat for the Hungry from 5:30 - 7:30 during Rensselaer Trick or Treating--for non-perishable food items.

Volunteers will meet in The Founder's Room located in the Chapel at 4:30 PM and will be assigned to a section of the city to cover. At 5:00 PM, there will be dinner catered by Sodexo that will count towards the meal plans of the volunteers. At 5:30, students will begin collecting food. There will be campus ministry vans and student "captains" in charge of certain areas, collecting food from volunteers.

All the food collected will be donated to the Good Samaritan Food Pantry in downtown Rensselaer.

Students who volunteer are encouraged to dress up in costumes. Courtesy of Sodexo, there will be a costume contest. The winner with the best costume



Above: Students in 2013 Trick or Treating for the Hungry. Photo courtesy of Brother Tim Hemm, CPPS.

will be awarded 20 puma points!

Junior, Elementary Education major, and one of the students in charge of the event, Taylor Baima says "I think it is a great way for us to give back to the community. I really enjoy being able to donate my time and give to those who need it." Baima is working with Sodexo to plan the meal and costume contest.

Last year's event was cancelled due to snow, but the turn out for 2013 was a great success; there were many volunteers and tables full of food were collected.

Brother Tim Hemm, CPPS is the main organizer of the event.

Other students in charge are Junior Kylie Hill and Sophomore Joseph Kalscher. Hill is working with Marketing and other on campus media to promote the event and Kalscher has been working with the Rensselaer Police Department to make sure all the areas of the city are covered.

If you are interested in volunteering for the event, you can come to The Founder's Room at 4:30 on October 31st or email Brother Tim, Kylie Hill, Taylor Baima, or Joseph Kalscher. You can also email them with any questions.

Columbian Players' *The Liar* Does Not Disappoint

By Josh Alengo
News Writer

As past students and faculty will attest, the Columbian Players have been putting on two to three plays every year on campus for longer than anyone can remember. For the Fall season of 2015, the comedy of choice for the players was David Ives' *The Liar*, adapted from the comedy by Pierre Corneille, a farcical period piece whose dialogue is written entirely in verse: a great big poem. Premiering Thursday, October 15th, and for the following two nights—Friday and Saturday, October 16th and 17th—the Players managed to fill the theater with laughter and applause.

The cast of *The Liar* consisted of eight students, five men and three women. Playing the lead, Dorante, was Marten Moreno, Junior and President of the Columbian Players, with Junior Adam Pajor as his servant, Cliton, and Junior Wesley Hutson as Dorante's father, Geronte. Logan James and Ben Spannan played the duo of Alcippe and his friend, Philiste, respectively. The four female roles were handled by Samantha Hoyt, Megan Fernandez, and Toni Raver, who played Clarise, Lucrece, and Isabelle/Sabine, respectively. In the context of the play, Isabelle and Sabine are identical twin sisters, which is why only one actress is given



Above: Marten Moreno and Samantha Hoyt in The Liar put on by the Columbian Players. Photo courtesy of Fr. Tim McFarland Photography.

both roles. Directing, as always, was Professor John Rahe.

Regarding the production process involved in preparing the play, The Observer spoke with Rahe, who said, "...It's a period piece. We haven't done a period piece for a while and, in essence, it's a modern adaptation of a 1600s French farce, so it was a little bit more adult than we've done in the past. There's a lot of innuendo, but you get a lot of that in French farces anyway, and then, of course, the costumes..." And the costumes were clearly a hurdle in the production process.

While it's clear the set and costumes were given extra care and preparation to achieve the look that period had, Rahe was down a staff member this year. Last year, costumes were handled by then-Senior Megan Hetzel, who graduated at the end of the

year, so we asked Rahe who took over. "Mrs. Rahe did, actually. We have a bunch of those costumes that we keep—that are period piece costumes—and she adapted them for the actors in the show." The hard work certainly was evident in the final product.

The Observer also got a chance to speak with lead actor and Columbian Players President, Marten Moreno, about the success of the show, who said, "People really enjoyed the show. We had a really talented cast that the audience found hilarious."

With a conclusively spectacular show behind them, the acting talents of Saint Joseph's College look forward, now, to auditioning for *The Picnic*: the drama selected for Winter, 2015.

2016 Election Update: Democratic Field Getting Smaller



By Jose Arteaga
Political Columnist

What a week last week was if you have been keeping up with the 2016 election. The Democrats, which had a small field of 5 to 6 (if you include Vice President Biden) candidates, just got a lot smaller.

On Tuesday October 20th, Jim Webb ended his bid for the Democratic presidential nomination at a press conference telling reporters that he will consider an independent bid. Speaking at the National Press Club in Washington, Webb argued the Democratic Party has moved away from "millions of dedicated, hard-working Americans." He said, "For this reason, I am withdrawing from any consideration of being the Democratic Party's nominee for the presidency."

Webb, who said he couldn't see himself endorsing any other candidate, said he is considering an independent run and will spend the "next couple of weeks talking to people, people I have not felt comfortable talking with as a Democratic Party candidate."

The next day we also learned that Vice President Joe Biden announced that he will not run. Vice President Joe Biden ended months of intense speculation about his political future on Wednesday with a sudden announcement that he wouldn't seek the presidency, abandoning a dream he's harbored for decades and putting Hillary Clinton in a

stronger position to capture the Democratic nomination. With his wife, Jill, and President Barack Obama at his side in the White House Rose Garden, Biden said the window for a successful campaign "has closed," noting his family's grief following the death of his son, Beau.

Still, Biden, who a spokesman said made his decision Tuesday night, positioned himself as a defender of the Obama legacy, implicitly suggesting that he still views himself as the best possible successor to the President.

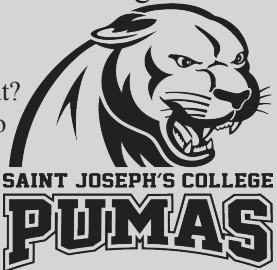
Two days later, Former Rhode Island Governor Lincoln Chaffe decided to drop out of the race ending his long-shot bid for the 2016 Democratic presidential nomination. He said at the DNC's annual Women's Leadership Forum in Washington, "As you know, I have been campaigning on a platform of Prosperity Through Peace, but after much thought, I have decided to end my campaign for President today. I would like to take this opportunity one last time to advocate for a chance be given to peace."

This was obviously a very good week for Hillary Clinton. Clinton will most likely gain the most out of the candidates dropping. A new poll that came out Friday show Hillary leading Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders by double digits. We will also most likely see some Republicans drop out of the race after the GOP debate this week.

Upcoming Puma Events!

- October 29 - SAAC Breast Cancer Awareness Event
- October 30 - Puma Pandemonium
- October 31 - Trick or Treat for the Hungry
- October 31 - BSU Halloween Dance
- November 3- Christian Worship Experience
- November 8-9 - Admissions Overnight

Want to get the word out about your event?
 Email the date and name of your event to
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The Iran Deal

In July of this year, the United States along with France, England, Russia, China, and Germany, came to an agreement with Iran on a deal that would relieve economic sanctions on Iran in exchange for them stopping their attempts at making a nuclear weapon. President Barack Obama and Secretary of State John Kerry touted this as a historic and monumental deal, as it the first time a U.S. president has reached a deal with Iran. The only problem is that there is a reason no other president has made this deal. It is a horrendous deal.

Going into negotiations the United States had three goals for a deal with Iran. First, admission by Iran of their nuclear violations in the past, second, anytime anywhere inspection, and third, the permanent dismantling of their nuclear weapons program. In all three of these goals Obama and Kerry failed miserably. Iran did not have to admit to their attempts at nuclear weapons in past. Also with regard to inspection, there is up to a 24 day waiting period from when U.N. investigators request to inspect a nuclear site to when they are actually allowed to access the site. Also it was discovered that the Obama administration made a side deal with Iran that they would be able to use Iranian U.N. inspectors to regulate the sites. The worst part of this deal is that it does not stop Iran from being able to obtain a nuclear weapon. At best, it will delay them but in many ways it will actually help them. Under the conditions of the deal Iran will only have to deactivate some centrifuges and their heavy water nuclear sites, not dismantle them altogether, and they are not required to stop nuclear research and development. This, coupled with the fact that many of the restrictions in the deal expire within ten to fifteen years, would allow Iran to research and develop all the plans for nuclear weapons during the deal and, as soon as it expires, produce a nuclear warhead.

This deal not only fails to stop Iran’s nuclear progress, but it gives them over \$100 billion in frozen assets much of which will likely go to sponsor terrorist groups in the Middle East. Also after the deal was made, the Ayatollah of Iran returned home to rallies praising him and chanting “Death to America” and “Death to Israel” whom they refer to as the “Great Satan” and the “Little Satan.” Also, Iran just tested long range ballistic missiles on October 11 even though they violate U.N. regulation. All of this proves that Iran cannot be trusted and only a fool would make a deal with them.

New Technology in Airports

by Kertney Brozyna
Opinions Writer

Have you been to Chicago O’Hare recently? I was there in July this year, and as usual, I had checked-in on my phone’s United App and had my baggage weighed and checked by the attendants at the desk. I just went on a trip to Mexico the week after fall break and found out that process had changed. Instead of an attendant helping you, you have to weigh and check your bags yourself. I was grateful that I had checked in early on my App because it made the whole process quick and easy compared to others that were completely confused. I didn’t understand the process completely either.

Basically, when you walk into your terminal, you find the airline that you’re flying with. Then there’s something labeled “Step 1.” During Step One, you are expected to put in your flight’s confirmation number, and if you have already checked in, you get to just print your labels for your bags. Once you print the labels and put them on your luggage, you take it to “Step 2,” and an attendant has you put your bag on the scale to weigh it. Then she takes your bag, and you go through security checkpoint.

Now for me, this process wasn’t so hard to grasp. But there were large families and older couples that did not understand the machines. I understand that we are moving up in technology and everything is easier with technology in our lives. For older couples and people with large families, however, I do not think it is a good idea to be switching up the whole process of collecting baggage and tagging your items. If they are going to keep doing this process, I think there should be an attendant that is ready and willing to help anyone that needs it.

Another issue with this process is that there will be fewer jobs at the airport. In the same way self-checkouts at grocery stores are taking over cashier jobs, these new kiosks are taking over attendants’ employment. It might be easier in the long run to have each flyer handle their own bags, but people are running out of jobs. I do not think this is a smart way to handle this. I’m worried that job opportunities will be running out very soon simply because technology is running our society.

The Colts, Pagano, and The Patriots

by Steven Sewell
Opinions Writer

Chuck Pagano found his seat warming up after yet another loss to the New England Patriots. The special teams play defined the game for most, even though it shouldn’t. The Colts played a tight game with the front-runners of the AFC, despite everyone expecting the Patriots to blow out the Colts in some act of “revenge”. The Patriots certainly looked beatable, and aside from a blown call by the referees on an onside kick and an absolutely stupid play on fourth down, the Colts actually had a strong shot at winning a game where no one gave them a chance. Either the Patriots aren’t as strong as they appear to be, or the Colts are stronger than their record indicates; I believe the Colts are stronger than their record indicates, as they are a team with loads of talent, but are unfortunately held down by mediocre coaching. So can Pagano prove he’s the man for the job? I like him, but if Pagano fails to deliver in the postseason, I would be indifferent to his firing. Aside from progressing deeper into the playoffs each of the past three years, he appears to be the Marvin Lewis of the AFC South: he wins just enough and coaches just well enough to keep fans and ownership divided on his tenure. Many fans are calling for Pagano to be fired already, but I think that those fans need to slow down and support Pagano through the rest of the season. Three consecutive seasons of 11-5 have earned Pagano a bit of leeway. If anyone deserves to be fired, it is offensive coordinator Pep Hamilton, the person largely responsible for Andrew Luck’s struggles this season, tight end Coby Fleener’s disappearance (outside of the Jacksonville game), and the abandonment of the run in the second half of numerous games. It’s arguable that he should have been on the chopping block after his play calling led to Andrew Luck’s injury. Fans need to halt the Pagano hate, channel that towards Pep Hamilton, and roll with the punches this season. If the Colts don’t get on a roll by the end of the season, I’ll eat my hat. Chuck is not nearly as bad as Jim Caldwell, and the Colts will not tank this season. They’re too talented, and a coaching staff fighting for their jobs will get it figured out.

South Africa Tuituion Rates

by Karen Gramajo
Opinions Writer

Tuition increases are like a slap in the face. There’s no running from it, especially when you need education for you and your family’s future. South Africa has that problem. Most students protested peacefully at the Union buildings in Pretoria, South Africa. Others built fires and tore parts around fences, throwing stones at police to show their anger. The police responded by firing stun grenades and water cannons to control the crowds. President Jacob G. Zuma spoke with the university administrators and pronounced a tuition freeze by 2016. Many students were overjoyed to hear this. There’s economic struggles and racial tensions in South Africa.

Mr. Mahapa, president of the University of Cape Town’s student government says, “We wanted them [university administrators] to put pressure on our government, then we realized that their hands were tied and that in fact they were to a certain extent sympathetic towards us. Then our efforts changed and were now directed towards the government.” It’s up to the students to make their change happen. Students were getting infuriated by the tuition increases that were getting nowhere and it’s was about time to stop. It’s a battle to pay for tuition for any class. Even in the middle class, you must go up to pay tuition.

One student named Ms. Kkumalo was heated by the increase of tuition and participated in the riots. She knows that her parents (who are teachers) support her pay for tuition, but might not be able to help her brother to attend college. She said, “Why are we struggling after we were promised so much in 1994?” She was referring to the nation of opportunity and equality that the African National Congress pledged to create. Unions offered solidarity but it’s not enough. Students need the freeze in tuition.

Universities that are underfunded by the government had suggested a significant increase in their tuition. The University of Witwatersrand planned a 10.5 increase of tuition for next year. Blade Nzimande, the minister of higher education offered cap increase for 2016 at 6%. Students pressed on not having it happen.

This is an outrage to have students pay higher than what they can afford. It’s a struggle to see students going all the way to Pretoria to reveal their fury. There probably is a reason why tuition needs to be increased; possibly to accommodate the economic strait, but don’t hit on the students. The youth have a large responsibility to aid their families. They don’t need any more burdens to increase on their shoulders. It’s almost an insult to place the burden of the older generation onto the younger one.

Students here in the United States griped about their tuition and their payment to do after college. Students from South Africa are walking down the streets of Preoria demanding their rights to their higher education. I heard how students complain about their daily struggles in social life and boredom in their skulls. How can you not see that there are bigger problems in the world and very few students ever cared to view world news? How can you not see that students are fighting for the very little they have for their future? Then again... who dares to view this college newspaper anyway?

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Red Rising

By Cameron Adams
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iZombie

By Hannah Pulver
Features Writer

There is a book that is even more enticing and exciting than the worldwide phenomenon *The Hunger Games*. New York Times Bestseller *Red Rising* by Pierce Brown, is that book.

The setting is a futuristic terraformed Mars where main character Darrow, lives his life as a lowborn miner. In other words, a “Red”. In this society the Reds live in extreme poverty and are treated like slaves rather than people. When Darrow’s wife is executed, he makes a decision that alters his life forever. He is recruited into the resistance and is given an impossible mission.

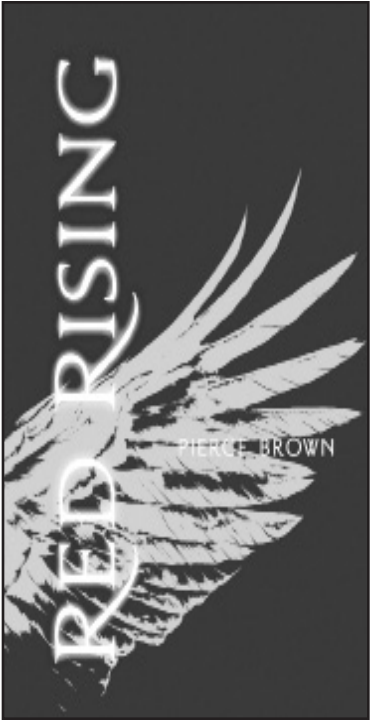
Darrow must become a part of the society that is keeping his people in extreme oppression. As he undergoes the challenges that make him a part of their world, he also has to make some of the most difficult decisions. Surrounded by the manipulation, ruthlessness and grave violence that is so prevalent in the world that he has immersed himself in, Darrow must question his own existence, his mission, and his own morality. All while trying to make sure that the last promise he made to his wife comes to pass. The freedom of their people.

This novel has it all. An elaborate backstory, a complex and compelling main character, and interesting side characters. Finding out about the different color classes and how they became that way is just as interesting as how they interact presently. Darrow is one of the most complex characters that you will ever meet. He sees his wife murdered and his people enslaved. He understandably feels rage and hatred for the Golds and declares vengeance, but doesn’t want to do it the way that you’d think. He sticks to his own morals. He really doesn’t want to stoop to what he oppressors are doing. When I think of Darrow the quote “Beware that, when fighting monsters, you yourself do not become a monster” by Friedrich Nietzsche comes to mind as he struggles not to become what he hates as he works to bring them down.

This is just the first trilogy with the second *Golden Sun*, available for purchase and the conclusion *Morning Star*, to be released on February 9 next year.

Red Rising is an exciting page turner, highly entertaining and action-packed. The driving story,

tight plot, and fast pace as well as the incredible characters, make this a book both incredibly hard to put down and forget about. Give this book a chance and I guarantee that you will not be disappointed.



Above: Cover art for *Red Rising* by Pierce Brown. Photo courtesy of Google Images.

It’s October, the month containing one of the best holidays of the year! Yes, I’m talking about Halloween, the one night of the year where you can dress like someone else. Where you can run into your greatest nightmares, play the best pranks, or just collect your favorite candy like a massive game of Pokemon!

I thought it would be relevant to review the great returning series *iZombie* on the CW. *iZombie* first aired in March and is back at it again this October. It seems like 2015 has been an accepting year for the zombie race. *The Walking Dead* on AMC definitely started the trend, but there are so many new movies, shows, and books about zombies... it’s hard to find the niche of zombie fiction you’re into.

Look no further! *iZombie* is possibly one of the most interesting and creative spins on zombie culture I have come across! Zombies are no longer brainless creatures. They are still people who can roam the Earth and live amongst the living. Liv the main character, had the perfect life set before her until she finally let loose at a party and woke up dead. She had to

end her wonderful relationship with her fiance and get a job at the morgue to help her survive. If that seems unreal to you... just wait. Liv has to assess what happens to dead bodies. She then removes the brain and eats them to survive. There’s a catch; Liv gets visions of the person whose brain she has consumed and uses those visions to help a detective solve the crime of how they died. She is an undercover zombie, using a physis as a coverup. This may sound insane and weird to you, but trust me, once you get the hang of it you will wait for it every Tuesday night on the CW! Every episode has a new death, new crime and lots of plot twists.

If you thought zombies were heartless and ruthless corpses, get ready to have your mind changed! In the world of *iZombie*, feel free to walk up and get a zombie hug... but if we later in life find ourselves in a world portrayed like *The Walking Dead*, run and run fast. For the love of zombies, tune into *iZombie*, you won’t regret it! Season one is available on Netflix, and season 2 is currently on air. Enjoy!

John Groppe and Norbert Krapf ‘65: Professor and Poet Together Again

By Karen Gramajo
Features Writer

I interviewed poet Norbert Krapf. He graduated from Saint Joseph’s College in 1965. He writes from the very depths of his soul. Norbert explores his personal and ancestral past, illuminating who he is today. He is a man of compassion and understanding. His student life at SJC made him close to his professor John Groppe and together they worked on great poetry, bringing healing and growth. When I first met him, he was looking at the artwork displays in the Core lobby and we were introduced to one another. He and his wife Katherine came to see the 18th President of Saint Joseph’s College. We all went upstairs to start the interview with John Groppe guiding the way and began our long discussion of Krapf’s success.

Norbert Krapf was born in 1943 in Jasper, Indiana and grew up in a tightly-knit German community. He graduated with a B.A in English from SJC and M.A in English from the University of



Above: From left SJC Professor Emeritus of English John Groppe, Karen Gramajo ‘17, and alumnus Norbert Krapf ‘65. Photo courtesy of Katherine Krapf.

Notre Dame and received a Ph.D in English with a concentration in American Poetry. He taught in C.W Campus of Long Island University and was a Professor of English. He served twice in Germany as Senior Fulbright Professor of American Poetry, at the Universities of Feiburg and Erlangen-Nuremberg. He also was a U.S Exchange Teacher at West Oxon Technical College in England.

When I first spoke to him, I

was greeted with the immense warmth of Norbert and his wife Katherine. They were old souls that walk among the Earth with so much love and they throw their kindness around like confetti. I love the relationship Krapf has with his professor John Groppe. They would speak to each other like there’s no tomorrow. It’s very thrilling to see those two together. Especially since Groppe is the coolest bean in the can with his bow tie. We spoke about



Above: Poster for CW television show *iZombie*. Image courtesy of Google Images.

how he was influenced by poet Walt Whitman and musician Robert Johnson in the year 1963. He knows of his ancestor’s immigration to the U.S., going back to 1846. He talked about his father working 25 years in a wood factory and that he is the first of his generation to get a degree. It’s intriguing to hear stories from this man and his great ties with his professor.

He wrote many books throughout his life. One of his recent works *Catholic Boy Blues*, shows his painful past of abuse by his highly respected priest when he was young. He placed voices in his poems that helped him heal. The boy, the man, the priest, and Mr. Blues (The Guide). I asked him if his works will impact people. He said that it’s hard to know what impact it will have, but there’s hope. Poetry gives courage for people to heal and a chance at rebirth. Readers are able to see poetry as a whole, love writing, and put life in perspective.

I read some of his works and felt the pain along with the ink. It was a sad past, with so much that

was lost. However, brightness lit along the path of Norbert Krapf. I was happy for him to have such impact with people. He has all his stories to give, blessings he received, and warmth of a flame that burns so bright within him whenever he speaks. It’s quite nice to hear a man full of zest and greatness.

The Hero’s Journey

By Casey Snow
Features Writer

The biggest part of American culture is the impact of media. Of course, media can come from all sorts of places – newspaper, TV, radio, even movies. So if movies play such a big part of people of all ages today, shouldn’t more people understand them? That’s exactly the kind of lesson I got when reading Christopher Vogler’s *The Writer’s Journey*. If you’re a student, a writer, or even someone who enjoys movies, (and let’s face it, who doesn’t?) then I definitely suggest familiarizing yourself with the concept of the Hero’s Journey. Reader beware – once you learn about the Hero’s Journey, it’s nearly impossible to watch a movie or read a book without picking up on the different parts of it.

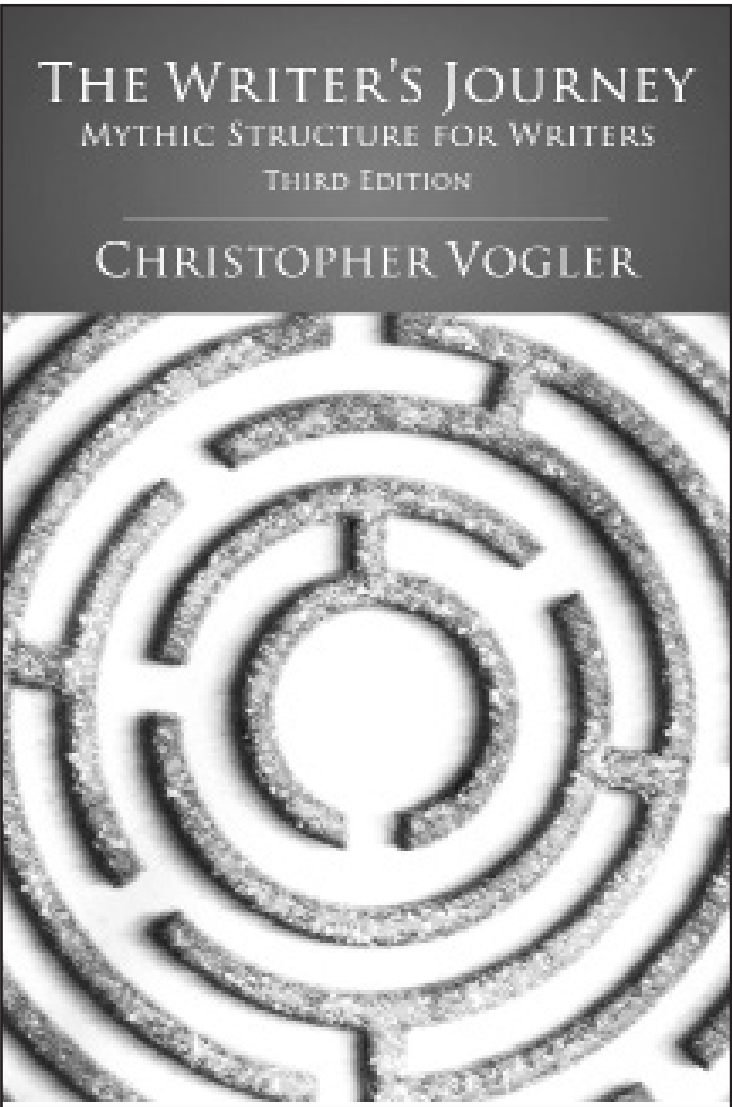
Vogler introduces his readers to the world of movies, stories, and books both old and new. The Hero’s Journey is just a mythic structure for stories told through time and was originally thought out by Joseph Campbell. Vogler takes this structure and turns it into a book, analyzing characters, scenes, and even different movies to provide examples of each step. The main character, who

is regarded as the “hero,” goes through 12 stages. The fascinating part of these stages is that they are apparent in all movies and stories seen or read, whether they are old or new. Vogler uses his book to provide his readers with not only the twelve stages of the journey, but he also zooms in to take a closer look at these twelve stages and even the characters that take part in stories. These stages and characters can be shaped into all different kinds of stories, from romantic comedies to horror to action and adventure.

The hero begins in the Ordinary World and gets presented with a Call to Adventure, which in most cases, the hero refuses, leading to the Refusal of the Call. The hero then has the Meeting with the Mentor which commits them to the journey and they cross over to the Special World when he Crosses the Threshold. The special world gives the hero Tests, Allies, and Enemies which prepare him for the Approach to the Inmost Cave, and then the Ordeal, which is his most dangerous en-

counter yet. After surviving the ordeal, the hero gets a Reward, which can range from a simple piece of advice to reuniting with a loved one. This allows the hero to prepare for the next stage, The Road back, where he must prepare for the Resurrection, which is by far the biggest challenge the hero has faced yet and the climax of the story. Once the hero has succeeded with the resurrection, he Returns with Elixir, that is, he returns to his ordinary world with a lesson learned or a new knowledge he received on his journey.

The thing about the Hero’s Journey is that it is just as relevant in movies such as Star Wars or The Wizard of OZ as it is to a movie that comes out next week. After reading Vogler’s *The Writer’s Journey*, you’ll be able to recognize scenes and put together the structure of movies and get a much better understanding of them. So put it on your list of books to read, maybe it’ll be an assigned read for class, either way, it’s worth looking into.



Above: Cover art for *The Writer’s Journey* by Christopher Vogler. Photo Courtesy of Google Images.

Trail Tree

By Vivian Myers
Features Writer

Looking for a little taste of local flavor that doesn’t break the bank? Look no further than Trail Tree, located on Highway 114, just over the interstate. This friendly truck stop offers a wide variety of feel-good, short order, homestyle cooking that will not only keep your stomach full, but your wallet, too.

Trail Tree’s diner/gas station atmosphere is rife with comfort. A favorite of the locals for quite some time, this quaint little place offers a great dining experience and a lasting impression. All guests are seated promptly and, true to diner tradition, offered coffee (which includes bottomless refills). From the service, to the truckers visiting, to the old farm signs on the wall, the restaurant certainly makes one feel right at home. Because it’s also a gas station, it’s also a great place to fill up, stretch your legs, and unwind for a spell. It’s also on the edge of a motel, so the weary road traveler can find a bed and breakfast!

The menu is diverse yet simple, and provides customers with common diner staples, such as steak and eggs, various omelettes, pancakes, and fried mush. Breakfast is served all day, which is another huge plus. Dinners are also offered- chop steak, burgers, catfish, you name it. A kids’ menu is available as well, cementing Trail Tree’s wide range for such a simple menu. These aren’t half

portions, either. Big, round dinner plates overflow with food, and quantity runs parallel to quality here. The eggs are fresh, the meat is juicy, and the cakes are fluffy. Sure, it’s just another greasy spoon, but those visiting could use a little extra grease. That’s never hurt anybody, after all. It’s a small price to pay for a good amount of food.

Speaking of small prices, the price is right, especially for most college students. On average, for two people to eat, it’s roughly \$14. Nothing on the menu is overpriced, so you don’t have to think twice about dessert. Trail Tree accepts a wide variety of payment as well, so travel with what you please. Off the record (wink wink), Trail Tree is a college hotspot to cure some, ahem, “ailments.” Once you cut yourself off, you will more than likely find yourself inhaling coffee and scarfing as much grease as you can. Trail Tree knows this- and they’ll even stay open till 2 A.M. on the weekends. One gets a lot of food without giving up a lot of money. Some consider that the jackpot- bang for the buck. It’s a bit of a drive from here, but the good atmosphere, good food, and good pricing make for a good time. Trail Tree is certainly worth the trip.

By Christina O’Connell
Features Editor

I was beyond excited when I scrolled through Facebook and discovered that Adele is coming out with a new album. After her 2011 album *21*, Adele has been on hiatus from releasing an album for three years. As a huge fan of hers, I deeply missed her powerhouse vocals and gritty sound. But the queen of soul is back and naturally her new single is a heartbreaking ballad.

Her new single and music video “Hello”, which premiered on October 23, is stunning. Adele takes us on an emotional rollercoaster ride of love and a broken relationship. In the video, the British artist visits an old home covered in dust and memories. Throughout it she repeatedly calls and leaves voicemails for her beloved and apologizes for everything. As she sings, she has flashbacks of old times, the good and the bad. The video also cuts to shots of Adele in woods and fields. She’s gorgeous, with a fur coat and pipes that give goosebumps. One of the aspects of this video that brings me joy is it’s not flashy or colorful. It reflects the vulnerable, raw beauty of the song. She puts focus on the song and not the video.

Adele is a true artist and musician. She bears her soul



Above: Photo of British singer Adele. Her new single “Hello” is out now and her album *25* is set to release November 20. Photo courtesy of Google Images.

in all of her songs and lets her voice soar. Even after throat surgery,her range is outstanding. I did notice, however that her voice is a little lower and mature. She also seems as though she’s trying to avoid putting stress and pressure on her voice. But she still sounds effortless and breathtaking. Adele’s new album *25* is set to be released

on November 20 and if you haven’t heard “Hello”, I highly recommend listening to it! You’ll never get it out of your head and it might make you cry.

PDC Competes at GLVC

By Justin Hays
Sports Writer

While the regular season meets have importance, nothing truly matters until the GLVC Championships. While running well during the regular season may be good for pride, running well at the Conference meet is the only true validation for all of the miles and workouts endured week after week. A bad team performance at Conference makes any success during the preceding weeks seem trivial. At Conference the stakes are much higher, and everyone must rise to the occasion...

The 2015 GLVC Championship meet was held at University of Wisconsin-Parkside, the hilly course at is what running enthusiasts deem a “true” cross country course - meaning it

is adequately challenging and requires some technical prowess. The tough course combined with blustery conditions made the task at hand a little more daunting for each and every runner. The Pumas, though, were ready to attack the race with toughness formed from many windy days out on the SJC track.

The Men, who only field a team of five runners, were able to finish 7th out of a 13-team field. Fielding a team of the bare minimum five runners may have not been ideal, but the Men were able to perform well considering. The Pumas were led by a 10th place, GLVC All-Conference performance from Justin Hays. Brian Eurtion followed up Hays with a 25th place day. Lane Barrett provided tenacious

support with his 42nd place finish. Rounding out the five participants were Logan Barrett (53rd) and Jace Horner (85th). Jace Horner was forced to step into the pivotal fifth-runner role, and was able to respond well to the challenge. While this finish may not have matched the historic 4th place finish of 2014, this performance gave the Pumas much to be proud of.

The Women raced to a 10th place showing in a field of 15. The youthful Lady Pumas were lead by a tremendous 22nd place performance by Nikki Thiede. Brooke Werstler led the charge of reinforcements with her 47th place performance. Hannah Wallace, Sydney Strang, and Rachel Bartz completed the five scorers for

the lady Pumas with their 72nd, 76th, and 78th place performances, respectively. This 10th place finish matches last year’s Conference finish. While the team placing may not have improved from last year, the Lady Pumas were able to successfully fill in the holes left due to 2014 graduation.

Both teams will have one last shot to showcase their skills, as they will be traveling to Evansville, Indiana in two weeks for the Division II Midwest Regional Championships. The Women will run the usual 6k distance, while the Men will be stepping up to a 10k. The Pumas will be hungry to have one last good race of an overall successful cross country season.

Upcoming Events

October 30th

Volleyball vs. Truman State University
7:00 p.m.

October 31st

Football vs. University of God’s Chosen
12:00 p.m.

November 6th

Volleyball vs. William Jewell College
7:00 p.m.

November 7th

Men’s and Women’s Cross Country NCAA Midwest Regional Championship in Evansville, IN
10:00 a.m.

Football vs. Truman State University
1:00 p.m.

Volleyball vs. Rockhurst University
3:00 p.m.

Men’s Basketball Exhibition Game vs. Butler University
7:00 pm

November 9th

Men’s Basketball Exhibition Game vs. Bradley University
7:00 pm

November 10th

Volleyball vs. University of Indianapolis
7:00 pm



Pictured: Nikkie Thiede
Photo courtesy of Susie Hays Photography



Pictured: Justin Hays placing 10th at GLVC
Photo courtesy of Rachel Bartz

Football Seeks Victory

By Meghan Hennessey
Sports Editor

Puma Men’s Football took on the Southwest Baptist University Bearcats Saturday the 24th in Bolivar, Missouri. The Puma’s fought strongly throughout the game and came out on top with a final score of 24-23. Puma, Wade Burtron, brought the Puma’s to an early lead during the first quarter. He carried out a 47-yard rush with a 15-yard touchdown. The Bearcats also scored a field goal during the first quarter. The Pumas continued their lead in the second quarter. Braxton Shelton scored a one-yard touchdown run after a 12-play drive by the Pumas. Halfway through the second quarter, after a 60-yard run by Shelton, Burtron threw a 21-

yard touchdown pass to Blake Faus. Near the end of the second quarter the Bearcats scored a touchdown leaving the score 21-10 at the half. The Bearcats launched a comeback in the third quarter scoring two touchdowns leaving the score 23-21 at the end of the quarter. During the fourth quarter the Puma’s fought hard to retake the lead and win the game. Joel Wimbley forced a fumble from Bearcat Kendrick Payne at the 44-yard line. Although the Pumas weren’t able to take advantage of the turnover they got the ball back with 10 minutes left in the game. After a 15-yard completion the Pumas were at the Bearcats 20-yard line. Gavin Voss completed a 32-yard field goal to put the Pumas in the lead 24-23. Tracey Whitehead gained possession of the ball at the Pumas 9-yard line. Puma

Marcin Gawlak then pushed the Bearcats back to their 12-yard line. The Puma defense then went into action forcing a turnover on downs. The game ended with a final score of 24-23 giving the Pumas the win.

The next Puma football game will be held at home against God’s Chosen on Saturday the 31st. Kickoff will be at 12 PM CDT at Alumni Stadium.



Pictured: SJC carries the ball, attempting to break through the tackle.
Photo courtesy of Saint Joseph’s Athletics

Puma Soccer Keeps Up the Fight

By Megan Fernandez
Sports Writer

The Men’s and Women’s soccer teams took on Drury University this past Friday. The game put the men’s team ahead giving the team a winning record in their GLVC division for the first time since 2009. The girls used Friday’s game to push them harder for their game on Sunday. Both teams fought hard, but had two different outcomes.

The SJC’s Men’s game was anything but an easy win. The team had to fight hard offensively and defensively to hold back the Panthers. The Panthers entered the game hungry for a win. Right off the back the Panthers were aggressive and fast moving, attempting three shots to the goal, setting the mood for an intense

battle. Freshman, Adam Whybrow had five saves for the team in the first half of the game. The Pumas defense fought hard and kept the Panthers from taking the lead. In the second half the Pumas took control. In the fourteenth minute the teams forward Erik Turner charged down the field as the Panthers defense tried to stop him. The goal keeper stepped out of the goal ready to block Turner’s shot. The shot was deflected to the right where Sebastian was able to put the game winning goal into the net. Midfielder, Sebastian Quintero’s goal’s in the fourteenth minute propelled SJC on to the overall 1-0 win for the Pumas. “Well it was a tough game from the first minute to the last, I

give credit to all my teammates. They played hard against Drury, and it’s special to score the lone goal to the win, but it was a team effort and I couldn’t have don’t it without them”, Says Freshman Sebastian Quinteros. “Friday was a battle that we won by earning our own luck. We fought hard and were rewarded for it showing once again how strong we can be as a unit. I think everyone including myself is extremely excited about what this team can achieve,” says Freshman James Gillespie.

The SJC was given an advantage later in the game. In the final ten minutes the first half the team had a man advantage after the Panthers received a red

card. In the second half though the Panthers were able to level out the field after the Pumas also got issued a red card. The Panthers had three more hard attempts to the goal but were all blocked by James Gillespie. The team ended the physical game with their 1-0 win, putting them at a tie in the GLVC division with Bellarmine and Missouri S&T for fourth place.

The Women’s soccer team lost last Friday evening to Drury University. The Panthers came out of the game ready to win, scoring two points in the first half and one in the second giving Drury University 3-0 advantage, making it hard for the team to come back. “The three goals they had were

the only three defenses lapses we had the whole game. It was hard to see us lose when we played so connected and so well”, Said Freshman Jennifer Phillips. Both teams had 15 shots on the night. The Pumas had many attempts but just had a hard time finding the back of the net. “The tough part was the way we knocked and knocked on the door to score, and we just couldn’t finish”, says Phillips. The team decided to use the game to push them forward into their next opponent.



Pictured: Jack Miller taking over the field
Photo Courtesy of Saint Joseph’s Athletics



Pictured: Taylor Henry stealing the ball
Photo Courtesy of Saint Joseph’s Athletics

Lady Volleyball

By Meghan Hennessey
Sports Editor

The Saint Joseph’s Puma Women’s Volleyball team put up a good fight against the Bellarmine University Knights on Friday the 23rd. The Puma Women beat the Knights in the final set of five with a score of 3 – 2. It was a close match with the Puma’s hitting percentage being .229 and the Knight’s percentage being .158. The Pumas and Knights stats were practically identical in all other aspects; however, it was the Puma Women that came out victorious. They won the first two sets with scores of 25-22 and 25-17. The Knights managed to put themselves on the board in the third set after a close battle scoring 26-24. The match was tied in the fourth set when the Knights edged the Pumas 25-19. The final set decided the match. The two teams went back and forth throughout the set with the Pumas leading 12-9 at first until the Knights scored four points putting them in the lead 13-12. However, the Puma Women took the opportunity to retake the lead when the Knights had a service

error evening out the score. Scores by Kate Wagenaar and Lucy Grenda settled the set 15-13 winning the Pumas the match.

The Pumas took on the University of Southern Indiana on Saturday the 24th. The match was a back and forth battle with the Screaming Eagles ending up on top with a score of 3-1. The first set was tied up at 23-23. Puma, Lauren Robertson, gave the Pumas the lead ending the set 24-23. The second set went back and forth with the Screaming Eagles taking the lead early 10-4. The Pumas held on though and took the lead 14-11. Despite their lead the Pumas lost the set 25-20 tying the match 1-1. The third set was won by the Screaming Eagles 25-15. While the fourth set was much closer than the third, the Screaming Eagles ended up winning 25-20 allowing them to win the match 3-1. The Pumas will host Truman State University on Friday the 31st at Richard F. Scharf Alumni Fieldhouse. The match will begin at 7 PM CDT.

Puma Athlete Spotlight: Nikki Thiede

By: Hannah Wallace
Sports Editor

Nikki Thiede is a sophomore from Terre Haute, IN and is majoring in Biology. Nikki runs for the women’s cross country and track team.

When and why did you start running cross country?
“I started running when I was in fourth grade. My gym teacher would let me run laps during class instead of playing basketball, and it just stuck with me.”

Who is your role model?
“I really look up to my parents. They’re my role models.”

What made you want to come to St. Joe?
“I wanted to come to SJC because everyone here was so friendly, and I really loved the team once I met them too.”

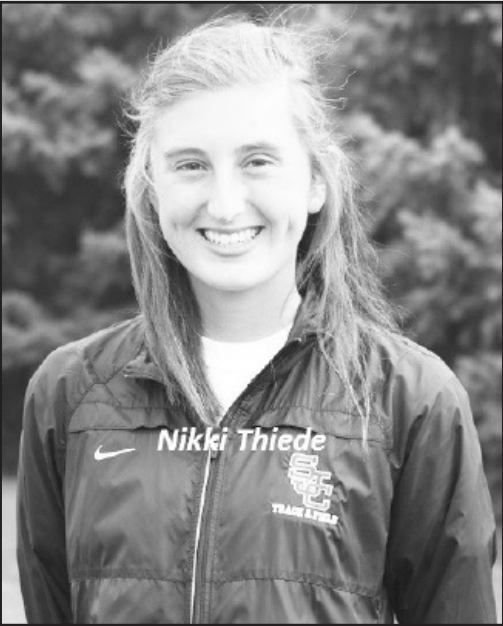


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What is your favorite thing about running?
“My favorite thing about running is the ‘runners high’ that you get after a long 10-12 mile run or a hard workout.”

What are your goals for Regionals?
“My goal for Regionals is to beat my PR (personal record) in the 6k which is 22:43.”

What are your hobbies?
“I like to read a lot, and I enjoy doing anything that is outside.”

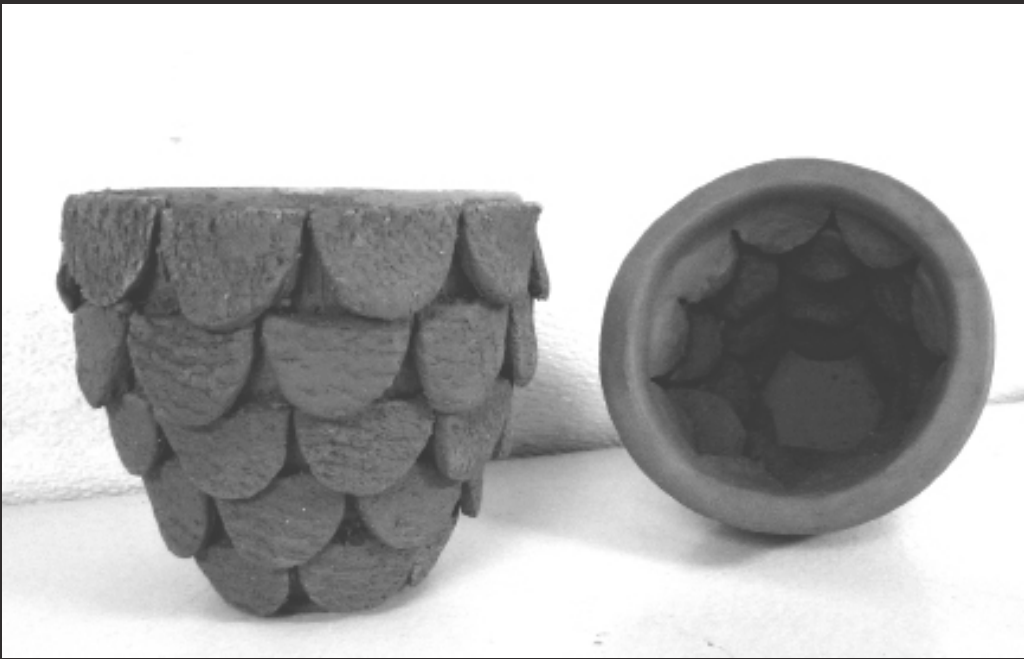
Favorite song?
“You Need Me, I Don’t Need You” by Ed Sheeran.

What is your favorite memory from cross country?
“One of my favorite memories is probably when Jessica ate nine bananas at dinner after practice. My team and I are always laughing about something.”

Do you know someone who should be put in the spotlight? Let us know! Email hww1218@saintjoe.edu

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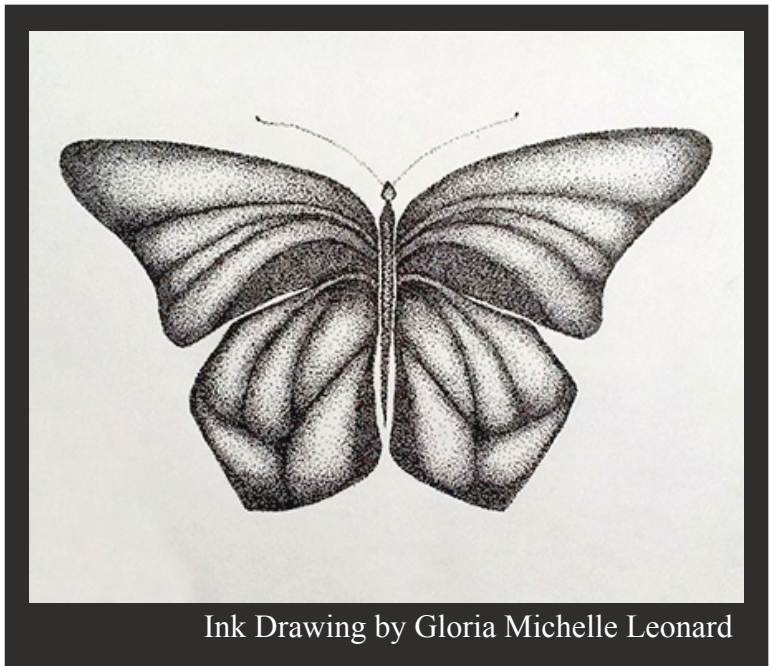


Ceramics by Erin Darland

Butterflies

By Katie Davisson

There was a time when I saw you that butterflies fluttered
They swarmed in my stomach and made my face light up
with a smile
They made me stumble over words and my hands shake
with happiness
Now, when I see you there is only a feeling of dread
A sinking feeling that goes through my stomach and into
my heart
It squeezes so hard and catches in my throat
My hands no longer shake, they know the truth
My smile is a little fake, it doesn't come from you
And the butterflies? All of them are dead.



Ink Drawing by Gloria Michelle Leonard

I Miss You

By Gloria Michelle Leonard

I thought we had proved the studies wrong.
Studies that "proved" you don't stay best
Friends with your best friend after high school.
We laughed it off as I would drive down to see you,
And you'd drive up to see me.
I made fun of it during Christmas with your family
When I had my own present under your tree.
It was a memory when we celebrated our 21st birthdays
And rang in the New Year together yet another year.
It didn't cross my mind when we would go a couple
Weeks without a message, because we could pick up
Right where we left off.
But now?
Somewhere in between these last four years something...
Shifted. And that ridiculous study didn't seem so funny anymore.
I want to blame you, and maybe you blame me.
I tell you to call me and you tell me you will but the phone
Doesn't ring and I don't call you still.
We make more excuses than plans, claim we're busier
Than we really are. "I might work overtime," says the
Girl who I know stays up well past 5 in the morning...
Or at least I used to know that well.
"I have a ton of assignments," I say, and you know full well
I am the queen of procrastination. At least...you used to know.
But you're working all the time, and I'm meeting my deadlines.
It should be easy sending you a message. Letting you know
My heart has been broken again, catching you up on how
I've decorated my room, and although I love my roommate,
God knows she isn't you.
I would tell you I need my best friend.
And I would hope seconds later you'd message me, telling
Me you're on your way with a birthday cake, claiming it's for our half
Birthdays (although we both know that's not true).
But now all I think of is that study, and how I hope you miss me, too.

Time Wasted

By Karen Gramajo

A waste of time
The softening yearn
Rough skin in brine
Midnight has now turn.
Quarter closer, never back.
Pulse ticks and nothing stills
It lacks observance on paper.
Blackness begins to fill.
Slender hoarfrost, brims a plenty.
Fluorescents upbeat, in tune.
Deadness like a penny.
Drudgery needs finish
Zilch down it seems.
Perception diminished,
Reality tatters in streams.
Daybreak approaches
Still not done, a pain.
Typing and playing chess
Is all in want again.
Seems time is stiff
Nothing to say.
Lovely dawn in whiff
It's the start of day.

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to be featured on the Creative Corner?
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poem, short story, or a work of art!
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Ceramics by Pamela Hueser